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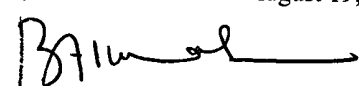
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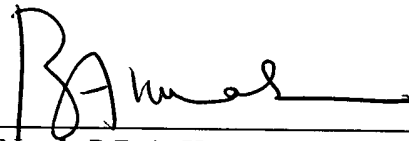
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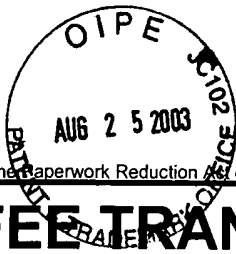


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Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
Independent Claims	-20** =	X	
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1202 18	2202 9	Claims in excess of 20
1201 84	2201 42	Independent claims in excess of 3
1203 280	2203 140	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
1204 84	2204 42	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
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1812 2,520	1812 2,520	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
1804 920*	1804 920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
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1251 110	2251 55	Extension for reply within first month	
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1401 320	2401 160	Notice of Appeal	
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1501 1,300	2501 650	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
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